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UNDER THE CONVENTION**

**Third session**

**Accra, 21–27 August 2008**

**Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda**

**Organizational matters**

**Adoption of the agenda**

**Provisional agenda and annotations**

**Note by the Executive Secretary\***

**I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of the work of the session.
3. Enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, by addressing, inter alia:
  - (a) A shared vision for long-term cooperative action;
  - (b) Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change;
  - (c) Enhanced action on adaptation;
  - (d) Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation;
  - (e) Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation.

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\* This document was submitted after the due date because it took longer than expected to finalize it.

4. Consideration of a work programme for 2009.
5. Other matters.
6. Report on the session.

## **II. Background**

1. By its decision 1/CP.13 (the Bali Action Plan), the Conference of the Parties (COP) launched a comprehensive process to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, in order to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session. It decided that the process shall be conducted under a subsidiary body under the Convention, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), that shall complete its work in 2009 and present the outcome of its work to the COP for adoption at its fifteenth session.
2. In accordance with the Bali Action Plan, the third session of the AWG-LCA will be held from Thursday, 21 August to Wednesday, 27 August 2008, in conjunction with the first part of the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol.

## **III. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Opening of the session**

3. The third session of the AWG-LCA will be opened by the Chair on Thursday, 21 August 2008.

### **2. Organizational matters**

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the session will be presented for adoption.

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(b) Organization of the work of the session

5. *Background:* The AWG-LCA, at its first session, agreed that its sessions shall be organized in such a manner for there to be sufficient time available for the negotiations of the AWG-LCA in order to enable the COP to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session.<sup>1</sup>
6. The Chair of the AWG-LCA has prepared a note on the scenario for the third session.<sup>2</sup> Delegates are invited to consult this scenario note in preparation for the session.
7. At its first session, the AWG-LCA agreed that its work should be facilitated by workshops and other activities to clarify and deepen understanding of the elements contained in the Bali Action Plan.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the AWG-LCA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair in consultation with Parties, to organize, at its third session, two workshops on:
  - (a) Cooperative sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions, in order to enhance implementation of Article 4, paragraph 1(c), of the Convention;

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 24.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/10.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 26.

- (b) Policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries.

8. The two workshops will be held in the initial days of the sessional period. The Chair will present a summary of the views expressed at the workshops to a plenary meeting of the AWG-LCA at this session. This summary will be incorporated in the Chair's summary of the session in accordance with the conclusions of the first session of the AWG-LCA.<sup>4</sup>

9. The workshops will be Party-driven, meaning that substantive discussions will rely primarily on inputs from Parties. All Parties are invited to contribute to the interactive exchange and to bring to the workshops their ideas and proposals for concrete ways to realize the mandate of the Bali Action Plan. Parties are invited to make either brief and focused presentations on proposals (no more than 10 minutes and, if needed, no more than five slides) or to make short interventions (no more than three minutes). Parties intending to make presentations on proposals are invited to inform the secretariat in advance so that the Chair may group together presentations on related topics.<sup>5</sup>

10. Parties are invited to refer to the overview of the session posted on the UNFCCC website<sup>6</sup> and to consult the daily programme, published during the session, for a detailed and up-to-date schedule of the work of the AWG-LCA, including organizational matters for the two workshops mentioned in paragraph 7 above.

11. Representatives of Parties and international organizations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible and to give a hard copy to the conference officers in advance to facilitate the work of the interpreters. Those wishing to make a written statement available to all delegates should bring copies for distribution.

12. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its twenty-fourth session,<sup>7</sup> recommended that meetings should normally end by 6 p.m. but may, in exceptional circumstances, continue to no later than 9 p.m. This session of the AWG-LCA will be organized accordingly.

13. *Action:* The AWG-LCA will be invited to agree on the approach to the organization of work for the session.

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FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/10	<i>Scenario note on the third session. Note by the Chair</i>

### **3. Enabling the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action now, up to and beyond 2012, by addressing, inter alia:**

- (a) A shared vision for long-term cooperative action
- (b) Enhanced national/international action on mitigation of climate change
- (c) Enhanced action on adaptation
- (d) Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation

<sup>4</sup> As footnote 3 above.

<sup>5</sup> Parties wishing to make presentations are invited to contact the secretariat at <mhenry@unfccc.int> as soon as possible but not later than 20 August 2008.

<sup>6</sup> <<http://unfccc.int/meetings/intersessional/acpra/items/4437.php>>.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/SBI/2006/11, paragraph 102.

(e) Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation

14. *Background:* The AWG-LCA, at its first session, invited its Chair to prepare summaries of the views expressed in the exchanges between Parties during the sessions.<sup>8</sup> The Chair's summary of the views expressed at the second session is contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/11.

15. At the same session, the AWG-LCA agreed to undertake its work, seeking progress on all elements assigned to it by the Bali Action Plan, in a coherent, integrated and transparent manner. It further agreed to organize its work at each session to include each of the elements, taking into account the interlinkages among them and with the work of the Convention's subsidiary bodies in the context of the Bali Road Map.<sup>9</sup>

16. The AWG-LCA, at its second session, invited Parties to submit ideas and proposals and, where appropriate and to the extent possible, specific textual proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan, taking into account the interlinkages among the elements and the specific subparagraphs under each of the elements, in order to focus the consideration of all the five elements by the AWG-LCA. It further invited Parties to submit ideas and proposals on the subjects of the AWG-LCA workshops scheduled for 2008. The submissions from Parties on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan are available in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.2; submissions from intergovernmental organizations are contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.3. The submissions from Parties on the subjects of the AWG-LCA workshops scheduled for 2008 are contained in document FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.4.

17. *Action:* The AWG-LCA will be invited to consider the ideas and proposals submitted and to take appropriate next steps.

<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/10</i>	<i>Scenario note on the third session. Note by the Chair</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/11</i>	<i>Summary of views expressed during the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. Note by the Chair</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.2</i>	<i>Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from Parties</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.3</i>	<i>Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations</i>
<i>FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.4</i>	<i>Ideas and proposals on the subjects of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention workshops scheduled for 2008. Submissions from Parties</i>

#### 4. Consideration of a work programme for 2009

18. *Background:* The AWG-LCA, at its first session, agreed to start considering its work programme for 2009 at its second session in 2008, and complete it no later than at its fourth session in 2008.<sup>10</sup>

19. The AWG-LCA, at its second session, confirmed that it would hold four sessions in 2009, in March/April, in June in conjunction with the thirtieth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the SBI, in August/September and in conjunction with the fifteenth session of

<sup>8</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraphs 22 and 26.

<sup>9</sup> As footnote 1 above.

<sup>10</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/3, paragraph 25.

the COP,<sup>11</sup> in conformity with the overall schedule of meetings under the Convention. The AWG-LCA noted that, for planning purposes, a decision on whether an additional session in 2009 would be necessary should be reached no later than at COP 14.<sup>12</sup>

20. *Action:* The AWG-LCA will be invited to continue consideration of its work programme for 2009.

#### **5. Other matters**

21. Any other matters arising during the session will be taken up under this item.

#### **6. Report on the session**

22. *Background:* A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the AWG-LCA at the end of the session.

23. *Action:* The AWG-LCA will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session, under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat.

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<sup>11</sup> 30 November to 11 December 2009.

<sup>12</sup> FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/8, paragraph 36.

Annex

**Documents prepared for the  
Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the  
Convention at its third session**

**Documents prepared for the session**

FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/9	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/10	Scenario note on the third session. Note by the Chair
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/11	Summary of views expressed during the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention. Note by the Chair
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FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.3	Ideas and proposals on the elements contained in paragraph 1 of the Bali Action Plan. Submissions from intergovernmental organizations
FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/MISC.4	Ideas and proposals on the subjects of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention workshops scheduled for 2008. Submissions from Parties

**Other documents before the session**

FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/8	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention on its second session, held in Bonn from 2 to 12 June 2008
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